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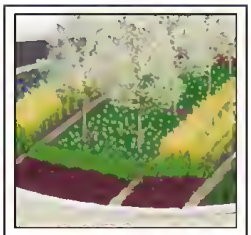

Improved plan for roundabout

Region expected to foot the bill

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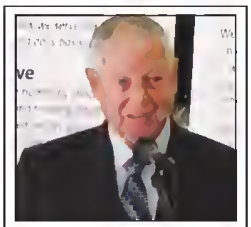

Good news for seniors

Province announces money to help them stay at home longer

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Santa comes to town

PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Santa Claus has been busy—since arriving in town with the NOTL Christmas Parade, he has also been visiting those who can't get out, including NOTL resident Lou Gulley who is at the NOTL Hospital. With them are Gail Martin of the NOTL Hospital Auxiliary, making sure every patient gets a gift, and recreational therapist Denise Badgley.

Levee welcomes new year

Friends of Fort George brought popular tradition to Niagara-on-the-Lake

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Gary Burroughs hasn't missed a New Year's Levee at Navy Hall for a long time.

First as Lord Mayor, and in recent years as regional chair, he has been there to toast the new year and greet residents who attend.

This year, he has the rare pleasure of setting off the cannon which across the river.

His continued support of the bicentennial events in the Niagara Region has helped to foster a greater understanding of the importance of the War of 1812 in Canadian history, and has earned him the role of honorary cannoneer.

The Friends of Fort George and Parks Canada will be hosting the 24th annual New Year's Day Levee at Navy Hall Jan. 1 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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Town making sure roundabout looks fitting for NOTL

Region is expected to pay almost $80,000 on upgraded landscaping design

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It will cost almost $80,000 more, but when the first roundabout on Niagara Stone Rd. is finished it will look a whole lot better than what the region originally planned.

When regional representatives came to council in September to present their plans for the traffic-calming measure at Concession 6, expected to be completed by the May 24 long weekend, councillors were not impressed.

It's at the entrance to Virgil, and the centre landscaping was meager, to say the least, they said.

Frank Tassone, traffic engineering manager at the Region, agreed to council's request that Town staff have input into an up-graded landscape design, and that an irrigation system be included in the project to ensure plantings can be easily maintained.

The roundabout will ease problems caused by the irregular alignment of the Concession 6 intersection, and will contribute to a better traffic flow on Niagara Stone Rd., reducing traffic backups at busy times as vehicles head into NOTL, Tassone said.

And with input from Town staff, a plan by a landscaping consultant hired by the Town at a cost of $2,500 will make it look impressive.

Council approved the consultant's design Monday.

The Region has budgeting $2.5 million for the roundabout, and is expected to fund the $76,690 landscaping project, which includes the irrigation system.

The Region has yet to agree to the extra cost, but that's the plan, says parks and recreation director Clive Buist.

"We're waiting to hear," he said. "We were clear as to where the Town stands. 'You pay for it and we'll maintain it,' was what we said."

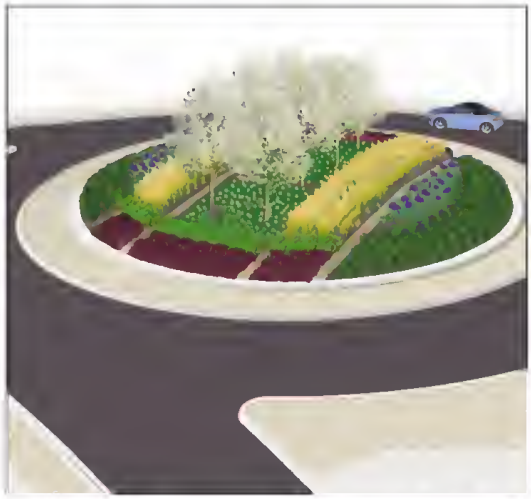
The designer did a great job, coming up with a plan that fits Niagara-on-the-Lake, and ties in well with the vineyards and orchards, says Buist.

The landscaped centre "is a large expanse, and we wanted it to look right. We wanted the best plant material in a difficult situation, with all the salt and sand it will be exposed to. And it needs to have year-round appeal."

The Town hired MBTW to design the landscaping in the centre of the roundabout, which will include a concrete curb around it of a natural concrete colour and buff-coloured stamped concrete on the splitter islands to provide a visual contrast with the concrete sidewalk, delineating pedestrian spaces.

The plans, the parks and recreation report said, include salt and drought-tolerant, hardy plants, which have been chosen to complement the surrounding area and furrows to tie in with neighbouring vineyards and orchards.

The landscaping has been designed to offer four-season interest and to minimize ongoing maintenance costs.



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Town okays food truck bylaw for special events, markets

No licence, no operating on public property without special permit

Suzanne Mason
QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara-on-the-Lake town council has approved changes to the zoning bylaw permitting gourmet food trucks to operate on private property at special events, markets and wineries.

The bylaw amendments followed a public meeting last month where there was no opposition expressed to councillors about a planning staff recommendation to allow the mobile eateries.

Food trucks cannot operate on public roads or in public parks unless permission is granted by council as part of a special event. Wineries, which are allowed up to 24 outdoor or special events per year, could also apply for an amendment to the zoning bylaw for additional events involving food trucks.

Coun. Martin Mazza voiced concerns about potential costs to the town for staff to monitor events and wineries for violations of the bylaw and suggested a licensing fee be charged to food truck operators.

"Our staff doesn't have the resources to monitor these events," he said.

Chief administrative officer Mike Galloway said food trucks are licensed in Toronto, but they are allowed to operate on public property and in parks.

"We don't want food trucks on public property," he said. "Therefore we don't want to license them."

Mazza also questioned why businesses other than wineries and organizations such as churches were not included in the zoning bylaw amendments. He called for "a level playing field for everyone involved."

Galloway said any business or non-profit group could file a site-specific zoning application to the town if they want to bring in a food truck for a special event.

Council approved a request by Mazza that town staff provide a report on the zoning changes regarding food trucks after the first year of implementation.

Food trucks, such as El Gastronomo Vagabundo, will be back at the Village Supper Market this summer as well as other NOTL events. Niagara Advance file photo

Town needs volunteers to shovel snow for seniors, disabled

Public works co-ordinates volunteer program

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

We've had a lot of snow already, and it's only December.

The large amount of snow that fell so early in the season caught Niagara-on-the-Lake's public works department a little off-guard.

And now, with 18 people having called the Town to ask for help through the volunteer snow-shoveling program, there are only two people who have volunteered, says public works director Ewald Kuczera.

The Town is in urgent need, "given the extraordinary amounts of snow this season," for volunteers to help.

Since 2007, the Town has kept a list of people willing to help those who can't shovel themselves.

Each year, the volunteers are called out to help remove snow from sidewalks and driveways for seniors or people who have medical problems or disabilities that make it difficult for them to do the hard labour themselves.

The Town tries to match volunteers with people who live in their own neighbourhoods. So far the majority of those who have asked for help are in the Old Town.

Kuczera says volunteering is a perfect way for young people to connect with seniors in their neighbourhood and an excellent opportunity for high school students to complete the required volunteer hours to graduate.

But it's been increasingly difficult to find volunteers since the high school closed, he said.

The Town has reached out to NOTL students attending high schools in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, "but they spend so much time on the bus going back and forth, and it's such a long day for them. By the time they get home it's dark and they have homework to do. They have probably made other arrangements for their community service hours."

This year, for the first time, he is also contacting the public schools.

The Grades 7 and 8 students could likely manage a couple of hours of shoveling, and they might have older siblings who can also help if reminded of the need, he said.

NOTL is a community of people who are always willing to help, says Kuczera - it's just a matter of reaching them.

Seniors who have called asking for help "have high expectations," he added, but the Town is just acting as a co-ordinator.

And while it may be too late to help clear the first big snow fall, there will be other opportunities.

"It always works out in the long run," says Kuczera. "It always has in the past."

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Last year's honorary cannoneer was Richard Merritt. This year Regional Chair Gary Burroughs will have the pleasure of firing the cannon across the Niagara River to salute the new year.
Niagara Advance file photo

Official toast, cannon firing mark New Year celebration

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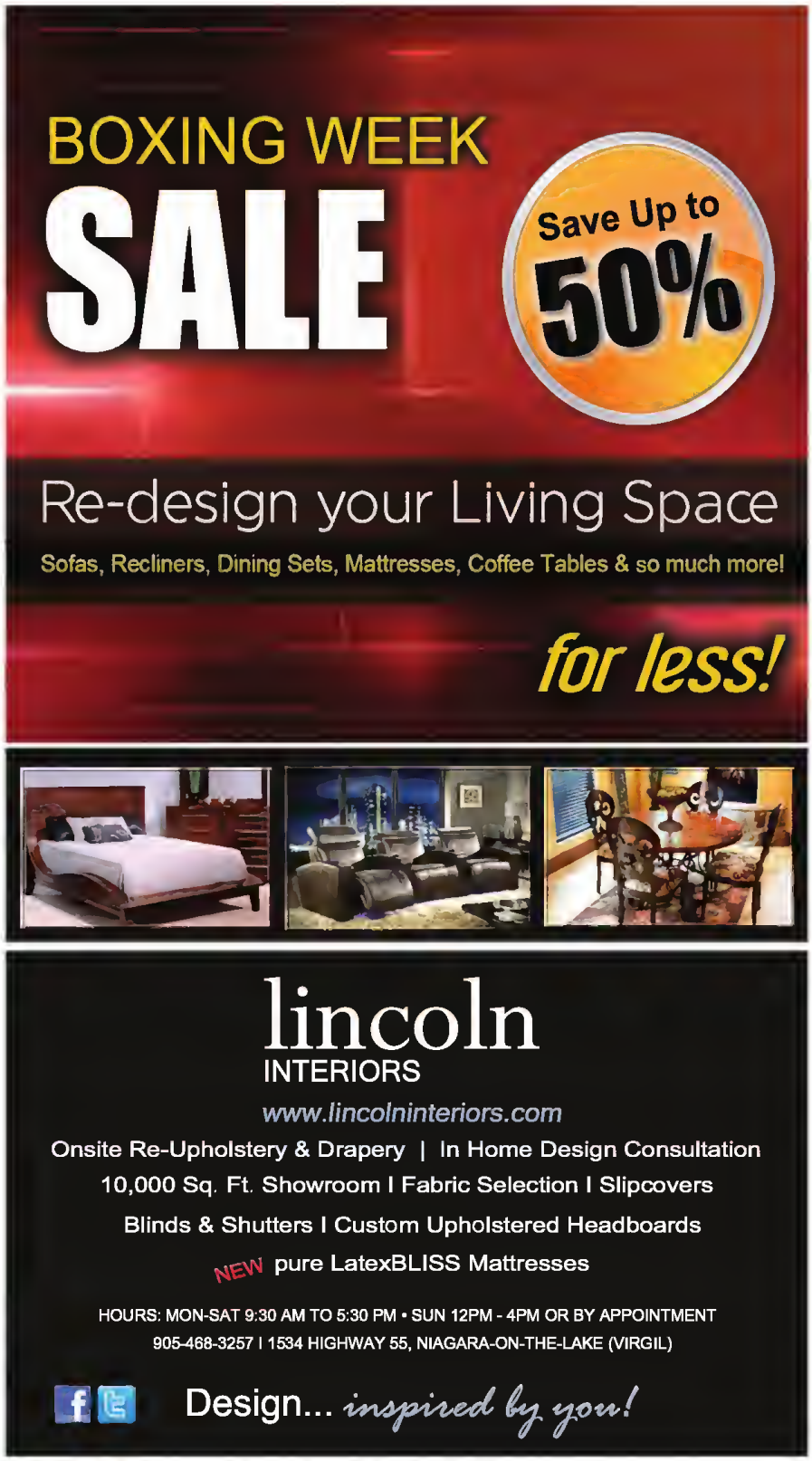
This community celebration carries on an old tradition of citizens gathering together to pledge allegiance to our sovereign, to renew old acquaintances and raise a toast to the continued prosperity of our nation, says Amanda Gamble of the Friends of Fort George.

Light refreshments will be offered, with an official toast at 4 p.m., followed by the firing of the cannon and music presentation by the Fort George 41st Regiment of Foot Fife and Drum Corps.

For more information on this tradition, contact the Friends of Fort George at 905-468-6621, www.friendsoffortgeorge.



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our editorial

Another year of news coming our way

As the new year approaches, it's human nature to look back on the past 12 months, the challenges and triumphs, and also to think about the new year and our expectations.

It's a tradition at the Advance to think about the news we might expect to hear.

But first, let's look back at 2013.

Certainly bicentennial celebrations were a huge part of the year, from the successful Laura Secord walk commemorating the historic trek of that very brave woman, to the Niagara on Fire event, which provided an exciting lesson on the history of our town.

And the splashpad—that was a triumph for the Town and all those families with young children who were able to use it. As always, when our parks and recreation department undertakes a project, we can count on an exceptional result, and the splashpad in Virgil is no exception. It was well-used, and will be even more so as the Town moves forward on the second phase, a playground and adult fitness component on the property.

The news handed us by former MPP Kim Craitor was not anticipated. He was a great representative for his riding, appeared to love the job, and was not expected to walk away from it mid-term. But he did, and we don't need a crystal ball to tell us there will be a byelection in our riding. Said crystal ball might be helpful in predicting an outcome, although we all know the Liberals will have a tough go of it, especially in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

We also know the economy and jobs for the area will be on the top of the list of issues, both in the local byelection and the provincial election.

This is also the year for municipal elections. We will go out on a limb and predict little change on our Town council, unless one of our incumbents surprises us by declining to run again. We don't see that happening, but then you never know - a lot can change between now and October.

Whatever the news in the coming year, we look forward to sharing it with you.

Helping others at Christmas

PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Bri-Ann Stuart, general manager of the Ivanhoe Cambridge Outlet Collection at Niagara, said the company wants to be involved in the community, and at Christmas hopes to help people less fortunate celebrate the holiday. "As we integrate into the community we want to learn more about it," she said. So she did her research and learned about Newark Neighbours, and last week, with marketing director Lisa Smith, visited the food bank with a gift—a cheque for $1,000 to help the local charity help those in need. It's a generous gift, says Bonnie Turner of Newark Neighbours, and it's wonderful to have it come from a newcomer in the community. In the photo are Newark volunteers Donna Thiessen and Brenda Shah, Stuart, Turner, Smith, and volunteer Marianne Seiler.

letters to the editor

Let your voice be heard by school board

Jan. 22, 2014 is a key date for this community.

The Accommodation Review Committee considering closure of Parliament Oak and consolidating the children in Crossroads, will decide on its final recommendation to the District School Board of Niagara.

As Sue Mark, chair of the committee said several times at the last public meeting December, "No decision has yet been made yet."

The Citizens for Accountable and Responsible Education, known collectively as C.A.R.E. Niagara, and the parents from all local schools, hope upon hope that she is correct.

It's easy to fall into the trap of believing the rhetoric of some who oppose the trustees and the board given the tragedy of the high school closure which still bites deeply into this community.

However, believe them we must. The accommodation review process was established to ensure that communities' and parents' wishes are part of the decision-making process when it comes to school closure practices.

Committees must listen to unified communities who actively participate in the committee meetings and present viable options to closure.

If we disagree with the trustees we can exercise our democratic rights and vote them out of their positions in October 2014.

If we disagree with the senior administration of the Board we can go, as C.A.R.E members stated at the December meeting, to the provincial legislature and lobby for change. An online petition is already gathering strength and asks Premier Kathleen Wynne to create an education ombudsman to be the voice of the parents, the board can appear to be deaf to, in these situations.

Find the petition at Change.org - Stop closing local schools and sign it if you agree.

If you are opposed to the school overcrowding that will occur at Crossroads should Parliament Oak close, get involved - even if you only have two minutes to send an email to show your support -that's all it takes. Contact your ARC committee member.

As Sue Mark, the trustees and the DSBN have said, "No decision has yet been made," so let them hear your voice before it is.

Lyndsay Gazzard

letters to the editor

Thank you to tennis supporters, town council

Many thanks to the Niagara-on-the-Lake council for including in the new budget a special provision that mandates acrylic surfaces for all our public tennis courts as they are rebuilt and resurfaced.

It's a great pleasure to be able to share the news that our council adopted a 2014 budget plan at their meeting last week with a special provision that mandates acrylic surfaces for all our public tennis courts as they are rebuilt and resurfaced.

This means the Rye Park courts will receive a proper acrylic coating before the lines are laid down in the spring.

The courts in St. Davids and Garrison Village will be rebuilt sometime during 2014, and they will receive acrylic coatings on their new surfaces as well. The rebuilding of the courts in Virgil is in the 2016 budget.

This decision is a great boost for tennis in NOTL. And it only happened because of new awareness of the value of our sport. Many many thanks to all the players, of all ages and playing experience, who took time to let the councillors know how valuable tennis is to our community.

Many thanks to all who offered warm and generous encouragement. Many thanks to all who came to the council chamber on Oct. 21 to show support for tennis. Most didn't know each other, but shared an appreciation for the value of the game and a willingness to make a public statement.

I hope we'll all savor and enjoy this great news. With quality courts, so much more will now be possible.

We will be able to invite children and parents to come to try tennis with modified equipment, and to play team tennis in a safe and welcoming environment.

We will be able to encourage adults of all ages to explore the possibilities of tennis, and to experience the fun of chasing tennis balls as a stress release, as exercise, and as a way to get to know their neighbours.

We will be able to create interactions among the various neighbourhoods of NOTL, encouraging us to venture to all the various corners of our extensive 50-square-mile geography.

We will be able to introduce tennis instruction into our elementary schools, directing the children to their neighborhood parks to further explore newly-learned skills.

We will be able to build up new traditions of summer activities in NOTL, centered on neighbourhood parks and their tennis courts.

We will be able to expand public awareness of and support for tennis in NOTL, such that all facilities can continue to be improved.

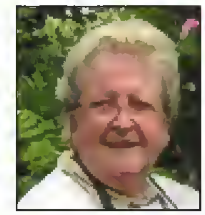
And we will be able to provide yet another amenity for visitors to our town . . . visitors who will take note that NOTL is smart as well as beautiful.

It's a lovely Christmas gift.

Rosemary Goodwin

Now's time to dream

Nurseries can be tempting this time of year



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

Gardening with dreams—and have a wonderful stroll around the nurseries.

Be warned it gets very tempting, there are flowering plants, wonderful containers, and if like me you are getting older, how about treating yourself to a 4-wheel wagon for moving stuff around safely.

I had a grand time looking through the various nurseries and ticked off a few blanks on my list.

And be careful to keep your plants away from drafts.

While we are fortunate and the Town clears our roads we should not become complacent but stay alert to our weather conditions. I talk from experience. We used to live in Quebec, and one day I looked out the window and saw our garbage can blow into the road. I dashed out (it was in the days when I could 'dash') before it caused traffic problems - well I got a shock when I almost collapsed. I was gasping in extremely cold air and it was a very unpleasant experience. So be careful.

Happy gardening.

See what you've learned from the doctor this year

True or false - 80% of university students believe their parents did not have sex

Dr. Gifford Jones
The Doctor's Game

Am I a good teacher or do I get an F for effort during the last year?

The best way to find out is to see how much you have learned from this column. Good luck in the True or False test.

T or F- 95 percent of patients with Type 2 diabetes are obese. Obesity, diabetes and the complications of these diseases will eventually cripple this nation's health care system.

T or F- Today 85 percent of seafood used in North America is imported and much of it is farm-raised. Small fish contain the least contaminates.

T or F – Zona Plus is a computerized device that helps to lower blood pressure without medication. The idea resulted from research on fighter pilots and the medical problems that result from extreme G-forces.

T or F – 100,000 milligrams of itravenous vitamin C given for several days can cure meningitis, encephalitis, measles, death from a poisonous snake, and prevent paralysis in patients diagnosed with poliomyelitis.

T or F – If you're taking a calcium supplement it's also prudent to take vitamin D and vitamin K2 which directs calcium into bone, rather than coronary arteries.

T or F – High intensity focused ultrasound is a new treatment for prostate cancer if the Gleason score is low and the malignancy confined to the prostate gland.

T or F – A report from the Cleveland Clinic says that there is no scientific evidence that antibiotics are needed before dental procedures if patients have undergone total joint replacement, although they're commonly prescribed by dentists.

T or F – Ascaris lumbricoides looks like a garden worm and infects 25 percent of the world's population.

T or F – A CT scan of the abdomen produces 500 X more radiation than a single chest X-ray and 1000 times that of a dental x-ray or bone mineral density test.

T or F – Hemochromatosis is a genetic condition in which there is too much iron in the body. This disease affects 1.5 million North Americans, but only 10 percent will develop symptoms. Vitamin C should not be taken if patients have this condition as this vitamin increases the absorption of iron from the bowel.

T or F – Testicular cancer rates have been rising, 42 percent in the last 25 years. Currently it's the most common cause of malignancy in males between 15 and 35 years of age. Men must get used to examining their testes, just as women examine their breasts for lumps.

T or F – The kinetic energy imparted by rotating blades of a power mower is three times the muzzle velocity of a .357 Magnum pistol. This power can fire a rock at people nearby on the grass at the speed of 100 miles an hour inflicting serious eye injuries.

T or F – Studies in mice show that when given laxatives for four months, degeneration of intestinal nerves occurs. In humans, a high fiber diet usually causes stools to float.

T or F – A dog's nose has 220 million cells that detect odours compared to five million in humans. This is why their sense of smell is so sensitive. They can detect cancer better than dermatologists, surgeons or plastic surgeons.

T or F – 10 percent of North Americans have gallstones. If they are not causing symptoms they are best left to the crematorium.

T or F – Every year 100,000 deaths are due to prescription drugs. Dead bodies do not result from the use of natural remedies.

T or F – A university survey revealed that 80 percent of students believed that their parents did not have sex.

T or F - Dr. Sydney Bush has shown that 6,000 milligrams of vitamin C and 5,000 milligrams of lysine can prevent and reverse hardening of coronary arteries. But this natural remedy is collecting dust due to the closed minds of cardiologists and medical journals.

T or F – Some researchers believe the PSA test for prostate cancer sometimes diagnoses cancers that might never require treatment. Unnecessary treatment may result in complications, such as urinary incontinence and impotence.

T or F – Dr. Steven Havas, Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Maryland, reports that the number of deaths from excess salt is equivalent to a commuter jet plane crashing every day in the U.S.

All these are true. Congratulations if you passed and all the best for a happy and healthy 2014.

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PENNY COLES Niagara Advance
Students of St. Michael Catholic School primary division put on their Christmas concert Tuesday, The True Meaning of Christmas. After the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus in the stable, they spread news. Then the students rejoiced as a group, singing Joyful, Joyful.

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The Tango Dancers of Crossroads dance the Christmas Tree Tango in the public school's Christmas presentation, "is Santa Smarter? The show, put on Wednesday afternoon and evening at Crossroads, was a take-off on the popular Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader TV quiz show.
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PENNY COLES Niagara Advance
Sara Leboudec answers a question for Santa, played by Spencer Abt, in Is Santa Smarter? Connor Watson (right) plays Tommy Tinsel, the Crossroads game show host, at the school Christmas play performed Wednesday afternoon and again in the evening for parents and community.

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Christmas Parade — Niagara-on-the-Lake

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Youth

1st	Sparks, Brownies & Guides of NotL
2nd	NotL 809 Squadron Air Cadets

Adult

1st	A Cappella Niagara Men's Chorus
2nd	Bethany Mennonite Church

Civic

1st	Fort George National Historic Site
2nd	Niagara Historical Society & Museum

Recreation & Sport

1st	NotL Soccer Club
2nd	Special Olympics St. Catharines

Service Clubs

1st	St. Davids & District Lions Club
2nd	Niagara-on-the-Lake Kinsmen

Schools

1st	Brock University
2nd	Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Bands

1st	Burlington Teen Tour Band
2nd	MM Robinson Drumline

Local Commercial

1st	Simpson's Pharmacy
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Elementary Schools

1st	St. Davids
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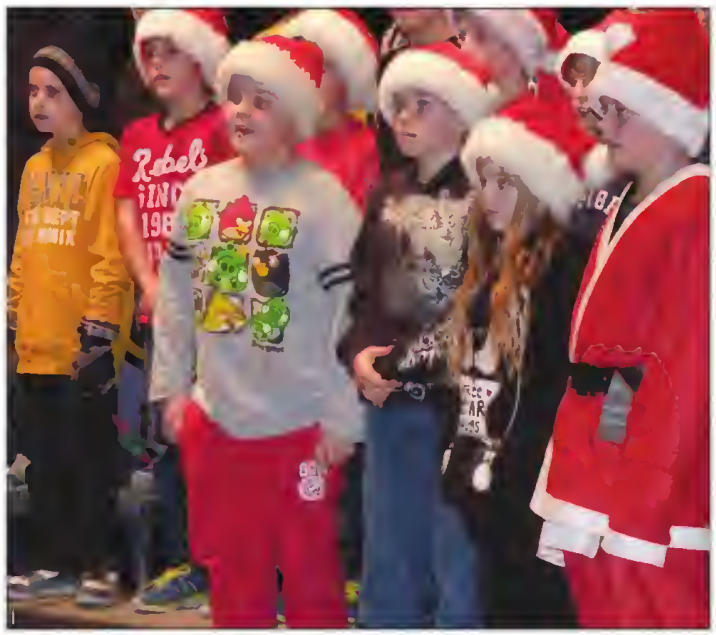

Grade 5 students of St. Davids Public School sing 'Zat you Santa Claus at their Christmas concert held last Wednesday. Two performances were held, and more than 300 people attending the evening performance. The school was also in the NOTL Christmas Parade. Carrying the banner are Heidi Doppenberg and Jackie Campbell.

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NRP to publicize names of impaired drivers

Names to be published as news release on police website

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

In an attempt to reduce the number of drunk drivers on Niagara's roads, the Niagara Regional Police will be making public the names of drivers who are charged with impaired driving offences.

Offences include operating a motor vehicle while impaired, operation of a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, operating a motor vehicle while impaired causing bodily harm or death and refusing to provide a breath sample.

"The NRP considers this action to be a positive step, discouraging anyone from getting behind the wheel after consuming alcohol or drugs," said Sgt. Neal Orlando.

The names will be published as a news release on the NRP's website.

The publishing of the names of individuals charged with an offence is in keeping with the Freedom of Information Act as the information forms a public record, police said.

"The Charter of Rights and Freedom affirms protection for the presumption of innocence," Orlando added.

"The release of the names of those charged is not meant to undermine this principle. It is intended to raise awareness to the important issue of, and the dangers posed by, those who continue to make the decision to drive while impaired."

A number of police services already publish names including Durham Regional Police and the Winnipeg Police Service.

Niagara Regional Police rolled out the holiday breath tests Nov. 29 and will continue them into the new year.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada, on average, four Canadians are killed and 175 are injured nationally every day on our roads while close to 65,000 Canadians are impacted by impaired drivers every year.

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1 LOYALIST COURT $549,000

Spacious brick bungalow situated on a quiet court in Garrison Village. 4 bed, 3 bath, beautiful walnut flooring, 3 sided gas fireplace, very spacious eat in kitchen, private lot and more! Currently run as a B&B. **MLS# N30020328. Chris Bowron and Vicki Bolduc.**

12 WEATHERSTONE CRT. $500,000

Beautiful freehold townhouse featuring main floor bedroom/den with ensuite privilege; Formal dining room, Living room with gas f/p; Wood floors throughout main level; Large solarium overlooking private garden; Large master bedroom up with ensuite plus guest bedroom with ensuite. Bonus is the self-contained lower level in-law suite. **MLS# N30026240. Victoria (Vicki) Bolduc.**

117 JOHNSON $849,000

Built circa 1840 as a terrace of 3 homes, this landmark building on 3/4 acre of picturesque gardens in a prime old town location has been updated and adapted as a unique and charming duplex residence. **MLS N30024277. Viviane Elltoft and Thomas Elltoft.**

159 PRIDEAUX STREET $789,000

This arts and crafts style home with substantial front porch, gleaming wood floors and extensive wood panelling has been masterfully updated to provide all the amenities of a modern lifestyle. This unique and extremely well-maintained gem is perfectly located on a prestigious, tree-lined street in the heart of olde town NOTL only one block from the lake. **MLS# N30024209 Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.**

225 GAGE STREET $1,048,000

A much admired executive bungalow situated in an elevated position on a prestigious tree lined street in the old town. Parklike setting showcasing design award winning gardens. Truly a residence for the discriminating purchaser looking for the unique Niagara on the Lake experience. **MLS# N30021567. Viviane Elltoft and Thomas Elltoft.**

450 QUEEN STREET $2,695,000

This home is the result of a vision to live simply but elegantly, to create an oasis for art, entertaining and family while connecting all rooms to the outdoors. The views from the front and sides of the property overlooking the golf course and lake are breathtaking. Fabulous guest house, summer kitchen, pool and Zen gardens. 6650 sq. ft. **MLS # N30018726. Bonnie Grimm.**

289 RICARDO STREET $1,995,000

Rare waterfront property with private deep water dock, located in desirable historic marina area of Niagara on the Lake. A 1908 arts and crafts style home offering 114 feet of prime waterfront at the mouth of the Niagara River. **MLS# N30000252. Thomas Elltoft and Viviane Elltoft.**

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Community centre, library should have new cafe for new year

Sweets and Swirls Cafe expected to open Jan. 2.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Erinn Lockard hoped to be able to open the cafe in the community centre before Christmas, but she is settling for the new year.

It took a little longer than she expected to negotiate for the equipment that is already there, left over from when the Town leased the space to Second Cup.

The coffee shop that served visitors to the library and community centre for just 18 months has been closed since the beginning of September.

Lockard says it will be easier to run the space as a "mom and pop" organization, without the restrictions of being part of a big chain. She can be more flexible in what she offers, she says.

She's sourced quality specialty coffees—she will offer espresso, cappuccino and latte—and teas that she can serve without having to charge an arm and a leg for them.

And food will consist of sweets, muffins, salads, soups and sandwiches, all served as "grab and go" items.

"We really need to get a feel for what people are looking for. Our advantage is that we can be adaptable."

Her plan is to open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to cover the majority of hours the library is open and the community centre in use, but she can be flexible with that as well, she says.

She's also looking at healthy vending machine snacks for when the cafe is closed.

Come summer, she plans to serve "picnics to go," so people will make more use of the outdoor space.

"It's a gorgeous space here, behind the cafe. I'd like to see it better-used."

And her hope for the future is to cater some of the events that are held at the community centre.

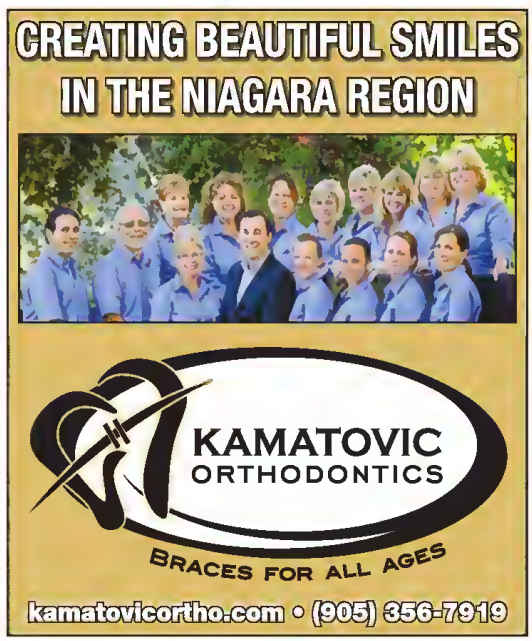
The lease between the Town and the new owners is being finalized, and Lockard and her partner James Cadeau of St. Catharines, who have extensive experience in hotel and customer service sectors, plan to open Jan. 2, with a five-year lease.

Lockard expects the cafe to be a family effort—her 21-year-old daughter and other family members will likely be seen occasionally behind the counter.

The rent begins at $600 a month, with increases of 3% after the first year and 4% each of the next three years.

The most difficult part so far, says Lockard, was settling on the name—Sweets and Swirls.

"We came up with a short list, and then we really wanted a name that reflects a 'to-go' feel. We hope people will feel good after they've worked out and then stop by for a little treat on their way out."



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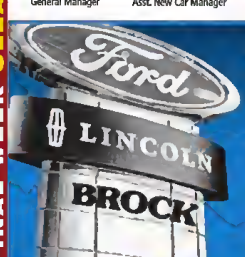

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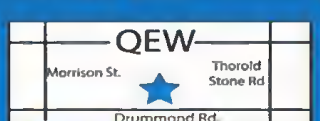

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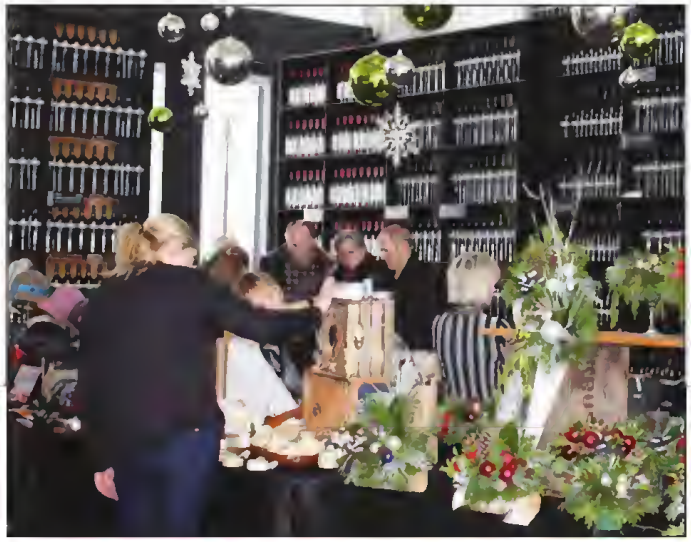

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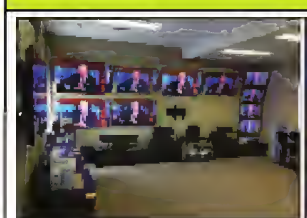
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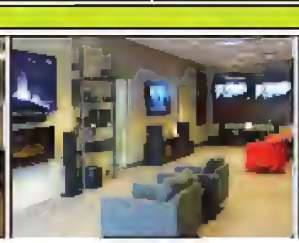
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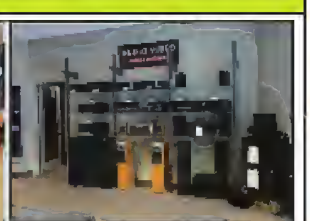
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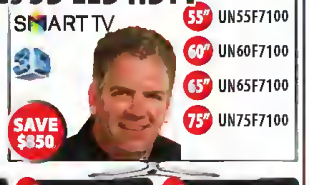

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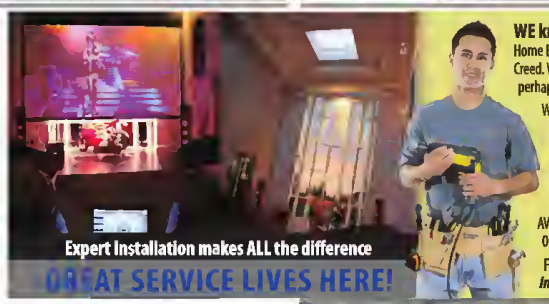

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Province announces funding to help seniors stay at home longer

Investments also expected to reduce wait times for home care, increase access to community services

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Niagara seniors have received an early Christmas present from the province.

Ontario Seniors' Affairs Minister Mario Sergio was in Virgil Thursday at Pleasant Manor Retirement Village to announce an investment of almost $27 million to provide people "with the right care, at the right time, in the right place."

The additional support, Serge says, will help seniors remain in their homes longer, reduce wait times for home care, and increase access to community support.

The funding will support existing programs and help develop new ones within the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), which includes Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand and Brant.

For Pleasant Manor, that means $218,500 for more assistance to about 150 "frail and high-risk" seniors, enabling them to continue to live independantly in their apartments by providing basic housekeeping and personal care such as bathing, getting dressed in the morning and ready for bed at night, and offering medication reminders.

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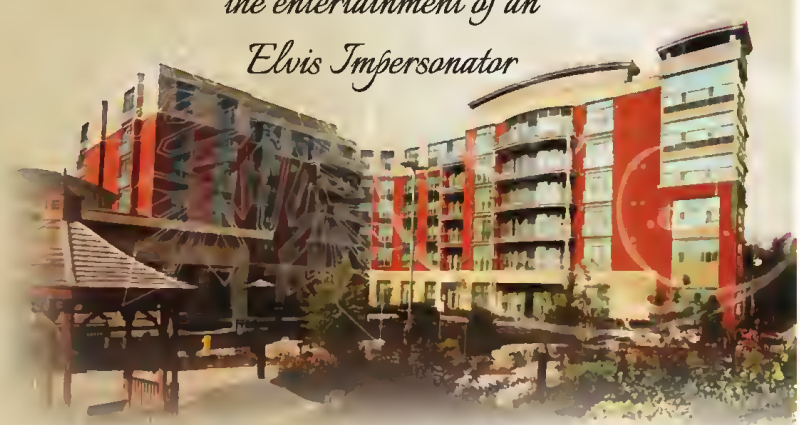

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Government preparing to care for large number of seniors

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Tabor Manor in St. Catharines is receiving $373,300 for 42 new "wellness suites," some of them for seniors in crisis or with mental health issues.

The funding will convert long-term care rooms, which have been replaced by a new facility, to bed-sitting rooms with bathrooms and small kitchenettes, allowing seniors to live independently but with a higher level of care, including meals in a common dining room.

Both are not-for-profit organizations providing housing options for seniors, operated by the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

Lindenhaus, a Heidehof apartment building for seniors in St. Catharines, will receive $190,100 for increased support for its residents.

About $650,000 will fund increased mental health and addiction support, including training more volunteers and support workers for a 1-800 24/hour crisis intervention number

Additional funding will be spent on increased support for people with dementia.

Niagara has the highest percentage of seniors in Ontario, and the provincial population of people aged 65 and older in the province is expected to double from 1.9 million now to 4.2 million in the next two decades, said Sergio.

"In just a couple of years, thee will be more people over the age of 65 than there will be under the age of 15," he said. "The health care system is prepared to take on tomorrow's needs."

And for those in Pleasant Manor, he added, "This is a wonderful facility. It's not a long-term care home or a retirement home, this is home."

Anne Bergen, one of the seniors listening to the announcement, thanked the minister for his support.

At 87, she is a second-generation at Pleasant Manor Retirement Village—her parents, Abe and Margaret Regeir, were among the first to move into an apartment on Elden St. She has lived in her apartment at Pleasant Manor for 20 years, since she and her husband Peter moved from their Virgil home just down the road, she says.

Her husband died a year ago, but she keeps busy volunteering in the community and taking care of the many services offered at Pleasant Manor, including regular exercise programs.

She says she was moved to say thank you to the provincial government because of the support she received for her husband in his final years.

Programs at Pleasant Manor have helped keep her safe and healthy, and she knows if she needs any kind of help for herself, she has only to ask for it. The announcement means there will be more support for people such as herself and others, she says.

"These people are my family. There are so many different things for us to do, activities to help us stay healthy in mind, body and soul. It has never felt like being 'in care.' It just feels like home."

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Legion recognizes students

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St. Michael Catholic students Emma Currie, (back left), Alexandra Wiley, Felicia Mori, Katie Miller (front), Caleb Dietsch, Grace McCarthy, Abby Accursi and Olivia Pillitteri are recognized for their posters and essays about Remembrance Day by Royal Canadian Legion members Doug Garrett and William Walker.

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More than three thousand spectators in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia all shared a piece of Niagara's history. THANK YOU to the Government of Canada and to all of the gracious hosts and audiences who made this project a success! Special thanks to Producer Barbara Worthy, videographer Vince Ierulli, Peter Wright, Steven Baranyai and Ted Mehlenbacher.

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39 Steps a top–flight spoof

Shaw foursome Lyndesfarne performance a Christmas bonus

John Law
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*THE 39 STEPS, adapted by Patrick Barlow. Starring Gray Powell, Marla McLean, Ric Reid and William Vickers. Directed by Kelly Daniels. At the Seneca Queen Theatre until Dec. 29. **** (out of five)*

Deck the halls, the Fab Four have come to Niagara Falls.

Not from Liverpool. Try down the Niagara Parkway, from Niagara-on-the-Lake. The Shaw Festival foursome of Gray Powell, Marla McLean, Ric Reid and William Vickers have stuffed our stockings with something special in downtown Niagara Falls.

Lyndesfarne Theatre Projects' manic production of The 39 Steps is like a Christmas bonus – an extra show on the Shaw schedule not enough people know about.

The fact Lyndesfarne artistic director Kelly Daniels can get talent of this calibre (granted one of them, Reid, is her husband) and still struggle to fill the Seneca Queen Theatre is ridiculous. No, Queen St. Niagara Falls isn't exactly Queen St. Niagara-on-the-Lake, but a great show is a great show: The address doesn't matter.

These are four performers accustomed to theatre at the highest level in Canada. Which makes this amusing take on Hitchcock by British comedian Patrick Barlow about as well-acted as you'll see it in Canada. There's a reason this is the biggest hit in Lyndesfarne's history, two seasons ago when they operated in St. Catharines.

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From left, Ric Reid, William Vickers, Gray Powell and Marla McLean star in Lyndesfarne Theatre Projects' production of The 39 Steps. It continues at the Seneca Queen Theatre until Dec. 29. PHOTO: Lyndesfarne Theatre Projects

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Creative spirit overcomes hurdles

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The plot is pure melodrama, and the dialogue – on the printed page – would appear laughably bad. But it's all in the performances here, and how the cast isn't just spoofing Hitchcock but theatre itself. The characters seem to know they're in a play, as everything from window frames to props to mistimed sound effects is played for laughs.

Everyone plays multiple characters except Powell as Richard Hanney, a man accused of murder while trying to prevent valuable information from leaving the country. He's hounded by the police, by spies, by deranged jealous husbands...all played with quick costumes changes by Reid and Vickers. McLean, meanwhile, is both the sultry diva who shares the info (then gets stabbed in the back) and the assorted women he meets along the way, including one he's eventually handcuffed to.

Half of the jokes come from merely watching this cast get through the scene any way possible, as if they're putting on a show with a $20 budget. Some of it's slapstick, but a lot of it is old-fashioned ingenuity – the creative spirit overcoming any hurdles.

The show-within-a-show aspect is so strong, the high school students at Wednesday's matinee weren't sure what to make of the stage lights going out five minutes into the play: Was this part of the show?

It wasn't, and things got even more weird 20 minutes later when the fire alarm went off and the theatre had to be cleared. Any other show, it would be annoying. With this one, it seemed appropriate.

"Is there a fourth wall in this play?," Powell was asked by someone in the audience during the break.

"It's been broken a few times already," he replied.

Yes, even the unforeseen screw-ups add to the fun. It's that kind of play.

Not so forgivable is another theatre company struggling to survive on Queen St. You get the sense this is the lastshot–ifLyndesfarne can't cut it here, lock the doors and wait for the place to become another bar. And quit talking about bringing 'culture' to downtown - it's already here. Support it or it may be gone for good.

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Marotta hat trick wins for Firefighters

The novice St. Davids Firefighters of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association had a win and a nail-biter of a loss last weekend.

The win came in Dunnville Sunday against the Mudcats, with a hat trick by Jack Marotta aiding in the 4-1 score. Matthew Murray collected a single. Cade Ivanchuk was awarded Player of the Game for his strong effort.

At the Centennial Arena Saturday, the novice No. 1 Wolves put in a strong team effort against Thorold, but came away with a 3-2 loss.

Jacob Scaletta and Noah Simonics shared the scoring. Scaletta was named Player of the Game for overall effort.

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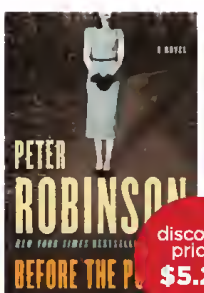

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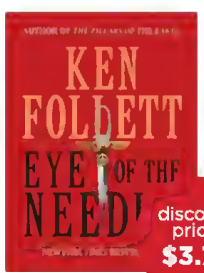

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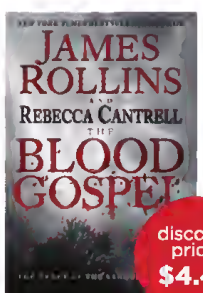

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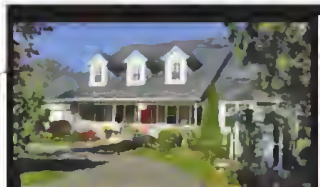

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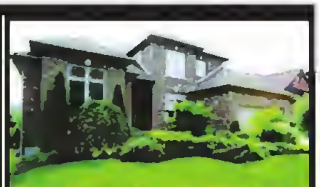

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